

In the Claims (Clean version):

Please cancel claims 2-9, 11-18, 19-23, 24-28, and 30-40 without prejudice;

Please amend claims 1, 10, and 29 as follows:

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1. (amended) A method of operating an access system including an access server to provide access between a user system and a plurality of communication networks that provide services to a user, the method comprising:

receiving in the access server a user data packet from the user system with the user data packet including a destination alias;

translating the user data packet into a network data packet by replacing the destination alias with a destination network address that relates to a selected one communication network of the plurality of communication networks; and

routing the network data packet to the selected one communication network based on the destination network address, wherein the translating enables communication of the user network packet to the selected one communication network without inclusion of the destination network address in the user data packet.

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10. (amended) A software product for providing access between a user system and a plurality of communication networks that provide services to a user, the software product comprising:

access server software operational when executed by a processor to direct the processor to receive a user data packet from the user system with the user data packet including a destination alias, translate the user data packet into a network data packet by replacing the destination alias with a destination network address that relates to a selected one communication network of the plurality of communication networks, and route the network data packet to the selected one communication network based on the destination network address, wherein the translating enables communication of the user network packet to the selected one communication network without inclusion of the destination network address in the user data packet; and

a software storage medium operational to store the access server software.

29. (amended) An access system for providing access between a user system and a plurality of communication networks that provide services to a user, the access system comprising:

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an access server connected to the user system and the plurality of communication networks and configured to receive a user data packet from the user system with the user data packet including a destination alias, generate and transmit a translation request including the destination alias to a database system, receive a reply from the database system including a destination network address that relates to a selected one communication network of the plurality of communication networks, translate the user data packet into a network data packet by replacing the destination alias with the destination network address, and route the network data packet to the selected one communication network based on the destination network address, wherein the translating enables communication of the user network packet to the selected one communication network without inclusion of the destination network address in the user data packet; and

the database system connected to the access server and configured to receive the translation request from the access server, process the translation request to generate the destination network address, and generate and transmit a reply to the access server including the destination network address.